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LETTER DATED 5 MAY 1992 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES OF BELGIUM, FRANCE AND THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

We have the honour to transmit herewith the text, in English and French, of a statement by the European Community and its member States on the former Yugoslav republic of Macedonia, adopted at Guimaraes on 2 May 1992.

We should be grateful if you would have the text of the present letter and its annex circulated as a Security Council document.

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(Signed) Mr. Jean-Bernard P. H. P. MERIMEE
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Annex

[Original: English/French]

Declaration on the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

The European Community and its member States, gathered in an informal ministerial meeting in Guimaraes on 1 and 2 May 1992, had an in-depth discussion on the request of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia to be recognized as an independent State.

They are willing to recognize that State as a sovereign and independent State within its existing borders and under a name that can be accepted by all parties concerned.

They expressed their high appreciation for the efforts of the Presidency, which included the preparation of a global package.

The Community and its member States look forward to establishing with the authorities of Skopje a fruitful cooperative relationship aimed at the promotion of meaningful cooperation, capable of improving political stability and economic progress in the area. Simultaneously, they urge the parties directly involved to continue to do their utmost to resolve the pending questions on the basis of the Presidency's package.